

2025 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT ORIENTATION

Please join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for the 2025 Christmas Bird Count. Orientation will be held Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 251 Bay-side Rd., Arcata. Trip leaders will discuss the Del Norte, Wil-low Creek, Cen-terville, Arcata

- and Tall Trees counts. All are welcome! Please con-tact the compilers listed below if you would like to participate in their count.
- Del Norte on Sunday, Dec. 14 with Lucas Brug at lucas.hendrik@hotmail.com
 - Arcata on Saturday, Dec. 20 with Tony Kurz at tonyk_71220@hotmail.com
 - Willow Creek on Sat-urday, Dec. 27 with Max Brodie at brodiemaxa@gmail.com
 - Tall Trees on Friday, Jan. 2 with Ken Burton at shrikethree@gmail.com
 - Centerville on Sunday,

Jan. 4, with David Juliano at hawo1@yahoo.com.

ARCATA MARSH TOUR

Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is spon-soring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 20. Meet lead-er Paul John-son at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Inter-pretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk that will focus on “the small things along the trails that people often miss.” (707) 826-2359

BIRDING AT THE AR-CATA MARSH

Join Red-wood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanc-tuary on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Michael Morris at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible

views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails, and a great diversity of birdlife.

BIRDING THE WATER-FRONT TRAIL

The Red-wood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour along the Eureka Waterfront Trail on Sunday, Dec. 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. with leader Ralph Bucher. This relatively urban trail of-fers the potential to ob-serve species abundance and diversity compared to many more remote lo-cations. Meet at the foot of Del Norte Street and be prepared to watch out for cormorants, loons, grebes and shorebirds. This walk is on a flat, paved trail that is wheelchair acces-sible. Email Ralph to sign up for this field trip at thebook@reninet.com.

CHRISTMAS DAY WALK

Join leader Paul Wilson for Friends of the Arcata Marsh’s annual Christ-mas Day walk. If you’d like to set out on 1.5- to 2-hour, rain-or-shine leg-stretcher, meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center on South G Street on Thursday, Dec. 25. The building will be closed if no volunteer is found to staff between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (707) 826-

Wind | ‘We have the juice’

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Xodus’ report – Redwood Coast Re-gion Offshore Wind Supply Chain and Workforce Assessment – focuses on local conditions, including what’s de-scribed as “weaknesses.”

“There isn’t an existing heavy fabri-cation industry in the region ready to support offshore wind, so there’s re-latively limited manufacturing experi-ence, particularly when thinking about delivering components at the scale re-quired for an offshore wind project,” Logan told supervisors. “There also isn’t a great deal of experience in the region supporting offshore infrastruc-ture projects.”

Logan described the inadequacies as “things that need to be taken into con-sideration when thinking about what is reasonable to expect from local busi-nesses when developers are looking for local supply capability.”

He added, “If we want to see a great-er share of economic benefits land lo-cally, we’ll need to unlock some invest-ment to enable that to happen.”

As with manufacturing, local work-force capability also needs to be en-hanced.

Logan said only about 10 percent of Redwood Coast workers are “per-forming jobs that are required by the offshore wind industry” which demon-strates the need for “some form of support” to transition to wind energy work.

“It’s clear the industries with the highest employment in the region have relatively low transfer ability to the off-shore wind industry, further reinforcing that the region is unlikely to have the capacity to support the development of an offshore wind industry without some efforts to attract workers or increase training pathways and career transition services,” he continued.

He said the region “will likely require some targeted investment in training and education, including partnerships with labor, with tribes and with local colleges to build a workforce pipeline that starts soon and continues through the decades ahead.”

But there’s uncertainty about the fu-ture of offshore wind energy.

The federal actions figure into recent doubt, including the withdrawal of a \$427 million federal port development

grant to the Humboldt Bay Harbor Dis-trict.

The report says delays on port devel-opment could have “major impact” on local supply chain improvement.

But Logan said the pause in progress gives “a gift of time” to achieve the im-provements detailed in the report.

A list of 22 recommendations in-cludes creating offshore wind-focused training and education programs, se-curing “funding to support vital initia-tives” and appointing a “dedicated off-shore wind coordinator.”

Responding to the presentation, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo noted some recent positives, including a federal judge’s Dec. 8 ruling against President Trump’s executive order on offshore wind permitting.

It orders “temporary cessation and immediate review” of offshore wind leasing and permitting but the judge’s ruling describes that as an “arbitrary and capricious” action.

Arroyo said that although the ruling will likely be appealed, “there’s some pretty clear direction that an entire industry can’t just be banned outright without more detail provided,” which she described as “hopeful news.”

She also noted last fall’s passage of AB 825, a state bill that creates a “west-ern regional energy market” enabling market expansion for forms of energy like wind and solar.

On the federal funding impacts, Board Chair Mike Wilson noted the state’s large-scale economy and said, “If California wants to do this, we have the juice.”

Some of the “strengths” listed in Exodus’ report include the planned port development, which “makes the region a strategic investment target,” the re-gion’s “first movement advantage on the West Coast” and the workforce de-velopment potential of Cal Poly Hum-boldt and College of the Redwoods.

The report also covers “community engagement,” listing its strengths as having begun at “an early point in the process” with “highly engaged devel-opers” and the presence of an “existing network” of community organizations.

Various types of “misinformation” are named as weaknesses, particularly regarding “marine mammals, human health and technical feasibility.”

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Wednesday, December 10	00.02	08.94	13.44	09.75
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10 "Dude ..."
14 Lowest point
15 Soon, to a bard
16 Stairstep measure
17 Fleetwood RV line
18 Now and then
20 Bering, for one
22 Those going 80, say
23 Kyoto currency
24 "Lilies of the Field" character
26 Designer Cassini
27 Shellfish dish
30 Bocelli, for one
33 Brown bird
36 Gift-wrapper's need
38 Tear apart
39 River in Hades
40 Place for a roast
41 Like some parties
43 Riesling, for one
44 Puccini opera
45 Rising sky-high
47 Taylor of "Amer-ican Crime"
49 A.T.M. need
50 Fly ball's path

DOWN

1 "See you then!"
57 Hostage taker
59 Bluffing game
61 Easily duped
62 Suffix with leather or lay
63 2023 Oscar winner Michelle
64 Middling poker pair
65 Pigeon-
66 Taxpayers' IDs
67 Uneasy state

19 Places for crowns
21 Go at it
25 They may be bare
28 No Clue
29 State-run game
31 Plotting, as a course
32 Pop the cork
33 Fiona on TV's "Tracker"
34 Order in the court
35 City near Sparks
37 Comic dubbed 'the Entertainer'
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60 "Say what?" sounds

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Holiday Fundraiser fun, Zippy's everyone's best friend

A wonderful time was had by all last weekend at the shelter's Holiday Fundraiser! Lots of money was raised for the Emergency Medical Fund and the guests seemed to enjoy buying raffle tickets and seeing the dogs and cats that were on view.

We started with the very popular Elroy, a French Bulldog that just returned to the shelter through no fault of his own. Elroy was willing to be dressed up as an elf and made his way through the crowd! There were people who seemed to have come to the event solely

for opportunity to see him. Elroy made several appearances through the afternoon and was quite happy to return to his quiet kennel by closing!

Several young pups made appearances. One volunteer brought four-month-old shepherd pup Chip out. She didn't get much farther than the edge of the raffle prizes before being surrounded by guests wanting to get in on some puppy love.

I had another four month old pup, Bond, who was wiggly and cuddly and happy to share kisses with anyone nearby. He met lots of people in the lobby and was the first of my helpers to stand out front and welcome our guests as they arrived.

After Bond, we had the handsome Batman, gentle Frida, and confident Homer. As the volunteers had made the heroic effort of giving every dog a relaxed long walk in the morning, all the dogs were able to show off their best happy behaviors!



Zippy. It was a little crowded for bringing out our bigger dogs. If it had been a warmer day, maybe we would have invited people out to

the play yards to see our adoptable dogs at play. My first choice for that would have been our candidate for "Most Likely to Be Everyone's Best Friend," Zippy. Zippy is the last of my pup Frannie's brothers that is at the shelter.

Zippy's superpower is his ability to be friends with any other dog. When we want to see if another shelter dog needs someone to play with, we bring out Zippy.

Zippy loves to play with other dogs, though if there is not one available, Zippy is happy to play with his toys. He loves to grab a toy

and take a few fast laps around the yard! Some of the volunteers have played a little soccer with him and his favorite orange soccer ball. The wading pool was a fun stop for



Frida and Jacey Spies. LUCINDA ADAMSON | DOGTOWN



An array of donated auction items. MATT FILAR | DOGTOWN



A fundraiser attendee with Bond and Mara Segal. MATT FILAR | DOGTOWN



Elroy and Lauren Morgan. MATT FILAR | DOGTOWN

him when the weather was warmer. But Zippy is not just a fair-weather dog; he is one that enjoys a walk in

the rain as well. Zippy is so ready to have his own family to entertain and love. If that family came with a dog friend, he would be extra happy!

Zippy is just a year and a half. He is neutered, microchipped, current on vaccinations, tested for heartworm and weighs in at about 50 pounds.

Give the shelter a call at (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment to meet Zippy or any of the other adoptable dogs or cats.



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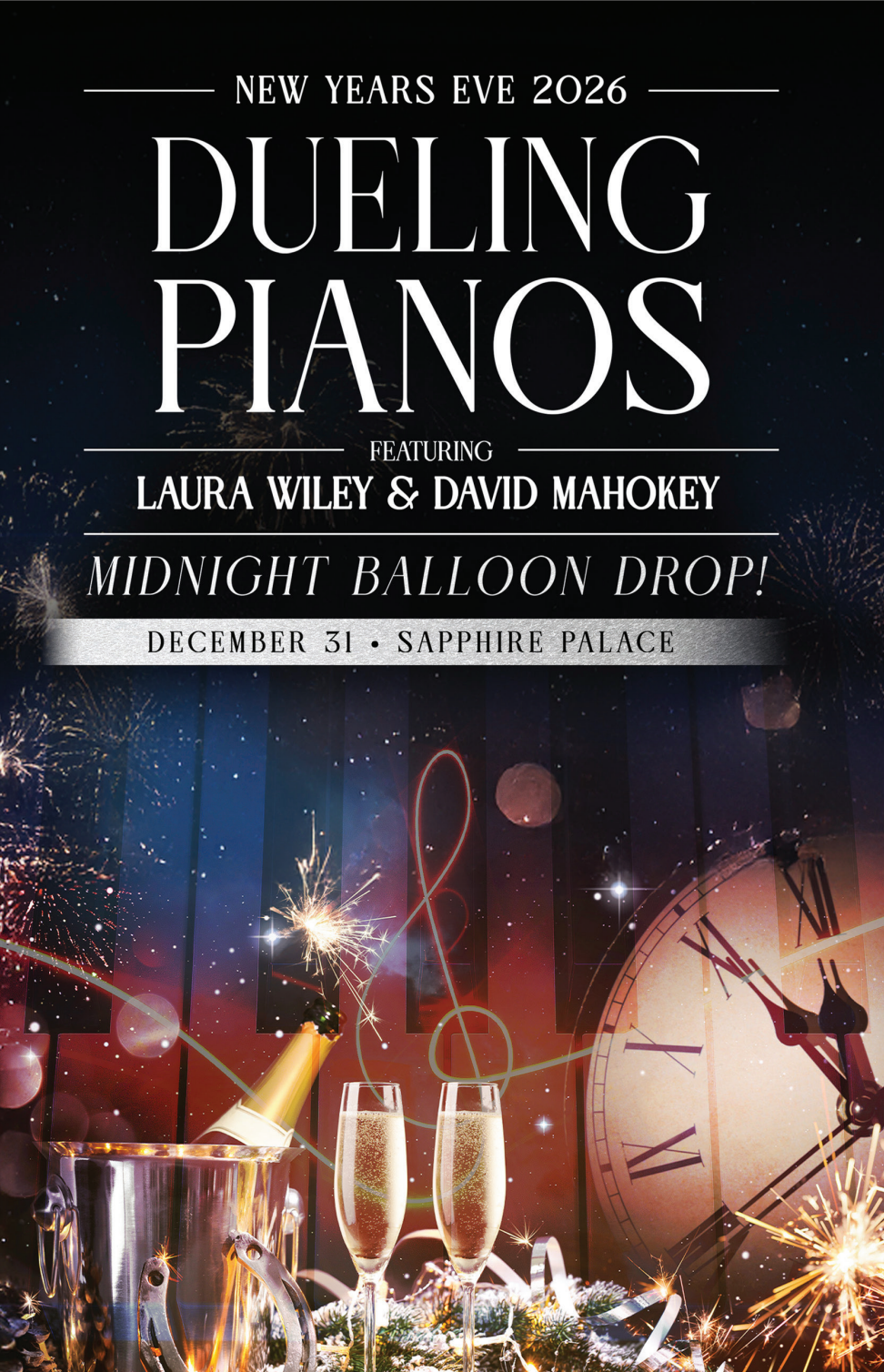
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In honor of Patti Fleschner's dedicated service to the Trinidad community

REDWOOD DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S CLUBS

TRINIDAD – The Redwood District of California Women's Clubs recently presented Patti Fleschner with the prestigious 40-year pin, recognizing the Trinidad resident for her more than four decades of service to the community.

Patti has been a resident of Trinidad for about 45 years and has been an active member of the Trinidad Civic Club as a volunteer, officer, leader and mentor throughout her tenure.

In the early years, Patti and her husband Mickey actively volun-

teered at the Trinidad Chamber's June Fish Festival and participated in the Civic Club bake sale during the festivities. She still volunteers today for its successor, the Fisherman's Feast.

Patti has generously hosted numerous Club meetings and particularly enjoys organizing the December Holiday Tea.

Patti is almost always present at fundraisers, pitching in however she can – whether it be washing dishes, mopping floors, or counting money, which she especially enjoys as the current co-treasurer.

Patti has actively participated in the Memorial Lighthouse Memorial Park at the upper site for many years and has served on the Leadership Team for the Memorial Lighthouse Monument for the past eight years. She has also been the Club Historian, knowledgeable about both the Club's history and that of the Lighthouse.

She serves as Memorial Secretary and is responsible for overseeing the engraving of names on plaques, a role she has fulfilled for many years. She writes caring and



HONORING PATTI From left, Trinidad Civic Club Co-President Dana Hope, Redwood District President Cyndi Bainbridge, honoree Patti Fleschner, Trinidad Civic Club Co-President Jan West.

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compassionate letters to grieving families.

Patti is the mother of David and Ashley and grandmother to three grandchildren. She previously worked as a professional realtor alongside her husband, Mickey, in Trinidad, and owned Bay City Mercantile, a clothing store. Currently,

Patti writes the Trinidad Tidings column for the *Mad River Union* and serves as Director of the Trinidad Museum.

Upon presenting the 40-year pin to Patti, Redwood District of California Women's Clubs President Cyndi Bainbridge said "I am pleased to present this 40-year pin, on behalf of the Redwood District, to Patti Fleschner – a remarkable woman and dedicated Club member who has shown great commitment to community service. Congratulations, Patti."



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Local Girl Scouts attended the 18th Annual Christmas Craft Fair sponsored by the Redwood Service Unit on Friday, Dec. 5 at the Dow's Prairie Grange #505 in McKinleyville. More than a dozen Girl Scouts in 8th to 12th grades helped up to 60 younger girls to make 10 different holiday gifts for their families. Since service projects are always part of Girl Scout events, each girl made holiday cards for senior citizens and troops donated food to support the Grange's food drive for the McKinleyville High School crisis pantry. Cookie season is around the corner as booths will start to appear on Feb. 4. If you are interested in volunteering with or joining Girl Scouts, contact Steph at (707) 296-2991 or visit gsnorcal.org.

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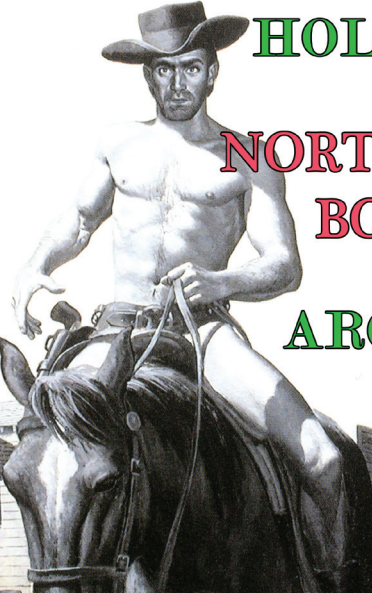
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ARCATA BOTTOM 4H GIVES SHOES FOR NCS

FESTIVE FOOT-WEAR The Arcata Bottom 4H has donated new shoes to the Northcoast Children's Services for their Head Start Children's Programs for about 25 years. Left: Eli Pimentel, Natalie Adams, Robert Adams, Tanna Borghino and Harlee Adams. **MATT FILAR | UNION**

HEAVY HORSES One of the horses from the Doss Family's Big Thunder Draught Team, above, will arrive at the Dow's Prairie Grange on Saturday, Dec. 20 at noon. **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

DOW'S PRAIRIE GRANGE #505
MCKINLEYVILLE – Santa is coming to the Dow's Prairie Grange #505 and he would love to greet our local good little boys and girls on Saturday, Dec. 20 at Breakfast with Santa. The Girl Scouts are hosting a pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Jolly Man himself arrives by 9 a.m. and will be available for free photo opportunities until 11:30 a.m. The Grange is also offering a free children's craft activity during the event. In addition to the pancake breakfast, the Grange is hosting a holiday fair with 22 different local artists and vendors selling great items for those last-minute gifts under the tree. The fair runs until 3 p.m. with



DOW'S PRAIRIE GRANGE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

the hall filled with Christmas music. A member of the Bigfoot Thunder Draught Horse team will arrive at noon in full holiday driving attire for fun family photo opportunities. Girl Scout Troop 70181 is raising money for their trip to the United Kingdom in 2027. Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Adult breakfasts are \$10, and the child size is \$7. Christmas coloring

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Blue Lake: enchantment guaranteed

The Blue Lake Community Resource Center is hosting a Santa's Workshop Free Gift Wrapping Party on Friday, Dec. 19 at the Mad River Grange from 3 to 8 p.m. Bring your unwrapped gifts, as all wrapping supplies will be provided. Light refreshments will be offered.



Arcata man arrested on lewdness, indecency and peeping charges

UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPT.
ARCATA — On Thursday, Dec. 4 at about 6:05 a.m., the University Police Department (UPD) received a report regarding an unknown male subject who had exposed himself and masturbated in front of two female students in the forest on Granite Avenue Extension on campus.
Officers responded and were unable to locate the suspect. During the investigation, UPD discovered that the same subject had been peering into multiple windows of a residence hall on campus. 24-year-old Victor Phetsomphou, who is not a student at Cal Poly Humboldt, was identified as a person of interest in the incident.
On Thursday, Dec. 11, UPD, with the assistance of the Arcata Police Department, served a search warrant and an arrest warrant at Phetsomphou's residence in Arcata. Several evidentiary items were collected and Phetsomphou was taken into custody without incident.
He was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, where he was booked on PC 314.1 Indecent Exposure; PC 185 Being Masked While Committing a Crime; PC 647(a) Lewd Acts in Public; and PC 647 (J) (1) Peeping. Phetsomphou's bail has been set at \$85,000. This investigation is ongoing. If you have any information regarding this case, please contact the University Police Department at (707) 826-5555.

Co-op members now dubbed 'owners' to reflect stake in store

NORTH COAST CO-OP
HUMBOLDT — Starting January 1, 2026, North Coast Co-op will begin using the term "owner" rather than "member" in its communications and signage.
The change reflects the cooperative business model, in which customers who purchase a share hold an ownership stake in the organization. When customers purchase a share, they become part-owners of the business rather than members of a club or discount program.
Unlike conventional grocery stores owned by outside investors or corporations, cooperatives are democratically owned by the customers who choose to join. There are no distant shareholders to pay — surplus revenues can be returned to owners through patronage refunds or reinvested in the community.
Major decisions are guided by a board of directors that owners elect, and each owner holds one vote regardless of investment level.
North Coast Co-op has operated under this model since it began as a volunteer-run food buying club in 1972. Today the co-op has more than 22,000 owners and employs a unionized workforce at both store locations.
Owners can vote in board elections, run for the board of directors, and attend governance meetings. The board creates a strategic plan every five years with involvement from the ownership.
The terminology shift reflects three factors: accuracy, clarity about community ownership, and alignment with industry standards. The term "owner" is now standard among food cooperatives nationwide.
Sean Nolan, general manager of North Coast Co-op, said the change reflects the organization's commitment to its cooperative roots. "This is a small change, yet it reflects something we are proud of: our co-op is owned by the people who shop here. That ownership supports a business that keeps dollars local, strengthens our local food economy, and invests in the wellbeing of our community."
Programs such as "Member Appreciation Month" and "Membership Drive" will be renamed accordingly. Benefits, share costs, and enrollment processes remain unchanged.
North Coast Co-op operates grocery stores in Arcata and Eureka. For more information, visit *northcoast.coop/owner* or contact the co-op at *info@northcoast.coop*.

Plan | Complete in July

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data about the town's existing businesses and infrastructure conditions, and will include surveys of businesses and individuals.
The study will "identify workforce needs, business climate challenges, and opportunities for sustainable growth," Zender wrote.
Work on the study will begin in January and will be completed by July.
The McKMAC may consider forming a special committee to work with Zender and his research team.
"We're excited to begin this work together and to develop a plan that positions the community for economic strength, resilience, and opportunity in the years ahead," Zender wrote.

Recall | Jan. 6 election

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didates once we elect them and will not support recalling them even if we sometimes don't like the decisions they make."
She also decried the \$16,000-plus cost of the recall election.
According to a news release from the Humboldt County Elections Office, Blue Lake voters may cast their ballots by mail, via drop box or in person. Specific locations and hours of operation for ballot drop boxes and voting locations are posted on the county's website.
City of Blue Lake voters who have questions about supplemental recall information may contact the Humboldt County Office of Elections by email at *humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us* or call (707) 445-7481.
Voters seeking more detailed information about the Blue Lake Special Municipal Election are encouraged to call the City of Blue Lake at (707) 668-5655.

Ortega pledges professionalism, principle and trust

Note: the following are remarks offered by Police Chief Chris Ortega at his swearing-in ceremony at Arcata City Hall last week. — Ed.

Good afternoon, everyone, it is an honor to be here. I'd like to thank our city leadership, our partner agencies, APD staff and retirees, our esteemed community partners and my family for your support today.
Your presence here reflects the shared commitment we have to public service, to one another and to the community we proudly serve.
For my wife and family Thank you. I recognize that leadership in law enforcement does not end at the close of the workday.
It is your support, which often happens quietly and behind the scenes, that has made this moment possible.
Being entrusted with this badge and this responsibility is the greatest honor of my professional life.
I accept it with a deep sense of gratitude to our organization, our city and our community.
Over the past 20 years, I've had the privilege of serving our department through change, challenge and growth.



That continuity gives me both respect for our history and responsibility for our future.
Today represents both a transition and a commitment to stewardship.
I step in to lead a department with a proud history and dedicated professionals who serve with integrity and pride.
My responsibility is to honor that legacy while preparing our department for what comes next.
My vision as Chief of Police is to lead a department that is trusted, supported and connected to our community.
Internally, I am committed to maintaining a culture grounded in officer wellness, servant leadership and principled policing.
Because we expect professionalism, sound judgment and empathy in the field, we must ensure that our people are healthy, supported and valued within our organization.
It is about creating an environment where support and accountability coexist, and where our values guide us through even the most difficult moments.
Externally, I am committed to striking the right balance between earning community trust and implementing effective crime-reduction strategies that keep our community safe, welcoming and vibrant for people of all walks of life.
These goals are not in conflict; they depend on one another.
I want to acknowledge Chief Silvers and his leadership. Under his tenure, the right people were placed into key roles, positioning our department for long-term stability and success.
Because of his leadership, we are not rebuilding — we are building forward.
I'd also like to thank our city manager for the trust and confidence he's placed in me.
As I assume this responsibility, I make this commitment:
I will lead with integrity.
I will listen before I act.
I will support our personnel while holding ourselves to the highest professional standards.
And I will work every day to earn and re-earn our community's trust and support.
Thank you for your confidence, your partnership and your presence here today.
I am honored to serve as your Chief of Police.
Thank you.

Arcata issues third annual Call for Arts and Culture, with \$10K to spend on commissions

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA — The City of Arcata welcomes individuals and collaborative teams to submit proposals for arts and culture creations for its third annual Call for Arts and Culture.
This year's creations will follow a theme of "Seasons and Stories" where artists will use their medium to share a story with the community.
The city seeks to fund fire hydrant murals within the Sunny Brae neighborhood and also open-ended submissions, which could include live art, performance or cultural happenings.
The city has dedicated \$10,000 for commissions to support artists' time and materials for the implementation of arts and culture proposals. Fire hydrants and open-ended submissions will be funded at \$800 each.
Humboldt County residents and emerging artists will be prioritized during proposal review. Proposals will be implemented in Spring 2026.
The 2025/2026 Call for Arts and Culture has been shaped by local arts and cultural leaders working in collaboration with City staff and Playhouse Arts, the city of Arcata's local arts agency.
More information and the application materials can be found on the city's website. Applications are due Friday, Jan. 30. Applications are available at *cityofarcata.org/1161/2025-Call-for-Artists*.
Proposals will be selected by a local Arts and Culture Panel and guided by Arcata's Strategic Arts Plan.
The City of Arcata Strategic Arts Plan consists of the following core elements: Arcata's arts are highly valued, Arcata's artists are fairly compensated for the work they do and Arcata's arts and cultural life is equitable and accessible to all.
The city also welcomes public art proposals on a rolling basis outside of funded calls for art through the Art Around Arcata program.
For more information, please visit *cityofarcata.org* or reach out to Playhouse Arts at (707) 822-1575 or *info@arcataplayhouse.org*.

Council | Outgoing, incoming officials praised

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"Over the decades, Alex has had a hand in some of the most defining things about Arcata," said resident Shannon Yodowitz. "She's helped create the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, helped establish the county's first public transit system, and protecting and expanding the Arcata Community Forest and preserving innumerable historic buildings all over town. When people say Arcata has a strong sense of place, I don't think they realize how much of that is literally because of Alex."
"I think your lifetime of service to Arcata might be unrivaled," observed Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar. "I'm honored to be your colleague and serve with you, and also to be a friend, so thank you."
"You're a force," Councilmember Meredith Matthews told Stillman. "You inspire me and surprise me with the way you bring people together, your ideas, your connections, and I've just been really honored to serve with you."
Councilmember Sarah Schaefer noted Stillman's having "shattered the glass ceiling" decades ago with her council service. "I thank you for paving the way for us to be able to be up here and do it and I also just thank you for your institutional and

historical knowledge of Arcata."
After the two swapped seats, Mayor White offered similar remarks. "Few people have a record of service like Alex," she said. "Alex has led efforts to promote green planning, energy efficiency, open space preservation, principles that have aligned Arcata with long term ecological sustainability, and has resulted in projects such as developing the Arcata Marsh for its treatment."
Stillman thanked everyone for the praise. "I love Arcata," she said. "My mother always said, Wherever you live, you have to get back to your community ...and I'm not going to stop working for Arcata."
White then nominated Atkins-Salazar for the penultimate leadership position. On a second by both Matthews and Stillman, Atkins-Salazar was elected vice mayor.
Frequent commenter Joanne McGarry also praised Stillman and White, and cautioned the new leadership she expects more than just ineffectual public posturing. "Performative is not what we want for the future," McGarry said. "We don't want anything performative. We want action on important matters that affect us deeply."
The next day, the appointment of APD Lt.

er operations, evidence room management, tactical scene leader, regional narcotics, passports and trauma informed policing. Chris has proven work ethic and track record, make him a trusted leader in the department, and that's even prior to his being as the next police chief."
Perry noted Ortega's bi-lingual community outreach during times of crisis, his commitment to the city's values, to the city's desire to protect the entire community and improving police practices that focus on government trust.
"I'm confident that Chief Ortega will guide us apart with professionalism, transparency, and a deep commitment to service," Perry said.
On being sworn by Mayor White, Ortega offered his own remarks (*see above*).

CRAVING COMMUNITY RADIO? TRY OUT HUMBOLDT HOT AIR!

Community forward internet radio based out of the brewery district in Arcata! We have a wide range of music and talk programming so we know you'll find something you love

stream live any time at humboldthotair.org

HCAOG plan foresees \$1B in transport projects

HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), Humboldt’s regional transportation planning agency, is inviting residents to help shape the future of mobility in Humboldt County through the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update.

The RTP is a policy document that guides transportation priorities and funding for the next 20 years. It influences everything from road maintenance and safety improvements to public transit, bike and pedestrian facilities and planning for zero-emission vehicles.

A draft of the document titled *Varieties in Rural Options of Mobility (VROOM) 2026 – 2046* is now available to review at hcaog.net/regional-transportation-plan-update. The comment period on the public draft will close on Monday, Dec. 29.

Community input – whether made in-person, by email, or through the online survey - will directly inform strategies to make travel safer, more efficient and more accessible for everyone but especially for vulnerable users such as seniors, youth, people with disabilities, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders.

“The transportation system is our region’s largest and arguably most critical investment,” said Brendan Byrd, executive director of HCAOG. “We want to hear from as many folks as possible about their transportation-related priorities so that we can help make sure our regional investments continue to reflect our local needs.”

The draft plan identifies over \$1 billion in funding needs for local streets and transportation infrastructure projects such as road rehabilitation, trails, bridges, interchanges, roundabouts and bike lanes. In the public transportation sector, proposed long-term projects would increase service to every 15-minutes, add Sunday buses and modernize the fleet at a cost of \$300 million.

Share your voice to help Humboldt’s transportation system grow more resilient and better connected. Take a quick 10-minute survey to register your input at bit.ly/HumboldtRTP2026.

Cal Poly designated a bicycle-friendly campus

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
CAL POLY CAMPUS – Cal Poly Humboldt has been honored with a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly University award by the League of American Bicyclists, the premier grassroots advocacy organization encouraging better bicycling, in recognition of the university’s achievements in promoting and enabling safe, accessible bicycling on campus. “We are honored to receive this designation for the first time and to be nationally recognized for our efforts to foster a robust bicycling community,” says Climate Action Analyst Morgan King. “We are committed to making bicycling to, from and on campus safer and more convenient and to advocating for bicycling as an affordable, healthy and sustainable form of transportation and recreation.”

Cal Poly Humboldt encourages bicycling as a convenient transportation option and provides amenities and services such as the Bicycle Learning Center, free bike locks when registering a bike with the University Police Department and the Humboldt Bike Share program. The University also just added shared path symbols to the sidewalk along L.K. Wood Boulevard to allow bike commuters a safe and easy route to campus.

“We want more bicycles on campus,” says King. “Equitable transportation is a basic needs issue and bicycles offer a very affordable, accessible option to get from point A to point B. With a bike, you are not paying for gas, vehicle maintenance or parking. Plus, it’s often faster to bike to campus than to circle around trying to find parking.”



CAL POLY LIKES BIKES From Bike Share to the Bicycle Learning Center, Cal Poly Humboldt embraces bicycling as an affordable, healthy, pollution-free transportation option. CAL POLY HUMBOLDT PHOTO

As Cal Poly Humboldt continues to improve its campus bike accessibility, it will have access to a variety of free tools, a library of resources and technical assistance from the League to become even more welcoming to people who bike. When colleges and universities invest in the comfort and safety of people bicycling, great things happen: a reduced carbon footprint, stronger connections to the surrounding communities and more people experiencing the joy and health benefits of bicycling.

“What stands out about this round of Bicycle Friendly Universities is their commitment to listening, learning and improving,” said Bill Nesper, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists.

The Bicycle Friendly University program now includes 204 colleges and universities in 42 states and the

District of Columbia and is part of the League’s Bicycle Friendly America program, which also awards communities and businesses with certifications as part of its mission to make bicycling safe, comfortable and more accessible for all.

About Bicycle Friendly America

Since 1880, the League of American Bicyclists has been people-powered, with a goal to make bicycling safer and easier as a means of transportation and recreation. Today, the League continues to improve lives and strengthen communities through bicycling. We are more than 200,000 members and supporters strong, with more than 1,000 state and local advocacy groups and bike clubs, as well as thousands of businesses, universities and communities together leading the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. bikeleague.org

Walk to End Alzheimer’s raises \$194,500 to help battle disease

ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION
HUMBOLDT – More than 600 residents participated in this year’s 10th annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s – Humboldt County Oct. 11. Opening ceremonies were held in the Adorni Center and then participants walked around Halverson Park and through Old Town, raising \$194,500. Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research.

Lynn McKenna, Walk chair, said, “We are grateful to our returning teams, our new teams, and the local businesses that support the mission of the Alzheimer’s Association. Alzheimer’s is destroying our families, our finances and our future. And it’s time to end it.” She added, “the money we raise helps the Alzheimer’s Association continue to provide critical care and support services, like the free 24/7 Helpline, education programs and the resource-rich website, ALZ.org.”

Visiting Angels Eureka returned as the top fundraising team, raising \$102,022. This total included \$15,000 from Blue Lake Casino Hotel that was given during their donation days campaign, and \$55,000 in incentives from the national Visiting Angels CEO, Larry Meigs. The incentives were awarded for the team finishing second in the nation for funds raised, for having the largest team, and for McKenna placing first as the top individual fundraiser. Jeanne O’Neale, team captain and Visiting Angels Eureka CEO, said that their reason for participat-

McKenna returned as the top fundraiser, raising \$45,641. Rounding out the top five include: Jeanne O’Neale, \$5,672.25, Visiting Angels Eureka; Joanne Conzelmann, \$4,045.00, Remembering For ALZ; Tim & Sharon Cissna, \$3,836.62, Team Smith21; Kathleen McWhorter, \$3,385.00, Memory Makers.

Donations continue to be accepted for the 2025 Walk until Dec. 31. If you would like to donate, you can go to alz.org/humboldtwalk or mail a check to the Alzheimer’s Association, P.O. Box 2542, McKinleyville, CA 95519.

Kim Coelho, senior community engagement manager for the Alzheimer’s Association, is grateful to everyone who participated this year. “The families that are affected by this disease really appreciate the fact that so many in our community showed that they care about this disease by participating.”

Participants who raised \$2,500 or more were recognized as Elite Grand Champion Club Members and include: Lynn McKenna, Joanne Conzelmann, Sharon and Tim Cissna, Janice Hand, Kathleen McWhorter, and Jeanne O’Neale.

Participants who raised \$1,000 or more were recognized as Grand Champion Club Members and included: Andrew Levine, David Dickinson, Laura Middlemiss, Janine Melanson, Ronna Johnson, Judy Pieratt, Lori Ruiz, Rowetta Miller, Julie Perez, Helen Stone, Malinda Damme, Melanie Anderson, Janelle Swan Robinson, Jan Paulus, Hec Wood and Gregory Seiler.



FIELDBROOK Team Captain Rowetta Miller.

this year included: Kati Texas Moulton, the Orange flower holder, who walked to support the cause and the Association’s vision of a world without Alzheimer’s and all other dementia; Larry Hand, the Blue flower holder, who has Alzheimer’s Disease; Janice Hand, the Yellow flower holder, who provides care, love and support to her husband, Larry; Wendy Collins, the Purple flower holder, who lost her dad, Bob Durfee, to Alzheimer’s Disease; and Bailey Grow, the White flower holder, who represent the first survivors and is the Great Granddaughter of Bob and Ellen Durfee.

This year’s Heart of Walk award was presented to Rowetta Miller. Miller started participating five years ago as the captain of her Fieldbrook Friends Forever team and has collectively raised over \$22,000 with team members. Miller attends the Walk at the Adorni Center and then puts on a separate Walk later in the day in Fieldbrook.

Sponsors for this year’s event include:

- National Presenting Sponsor Edward Jones
- Presenting sponsor Blue Lake Casino Hotel
- Tier III sponsors Coast Central Credit Union; The Redwood Legacy Group - Morgan Stanley; Never Forgotten Bob Durfee; North Coast Neuropsychology; Pure Water Spas; Visiting Angels
- Tier IV sponsors Maffia Family Fund, Recology – Humboldt County; Redwood Capital; Walmart
- Tier V sponsors Eureka Elks Club; Sequoia Springs Senior Living; Timber Ridge
- Media Partners College of the Redwoods Foundation, Eureka Broadcasting, Redheaded

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• Tribute Sign sponsors 2nd & F Properties; Maffia Family Fund; Nard Maffia; COLDWELL BANKER-Cutten Realty; Marc Matteoli - Benchmark Realty Group; Quality Body Works; Wahlund Construction, Inc; Mercer-Fraser Company; Bob’s Fine Cars; Stewart Telecommunications; Advanced Security Systems; Hunter, Hunter & Hunt, CPA’s; NCCBB; Holly Yashi; Leon’s Care Car Center; Fred’s Body Shop; Peninsula School; Rory A. Hanson; Humboldt Area Foundation; UIHS; Red Cross Pharmacy; Jim Pastori; McLean Foundation; Harper Ford; Mid City World; HSRC; Schmidbauer Family Fund; Green Diamond.

Walk Day volunteers included Arcata High School Interact Club members, Cal Poly Humboldt students, and community members. Route entertainment was provided Cal Poly Marching Lumberjacks, Aloha 808, Bill Moehne and the SoHum girls,

a dramatic decrease in deaths from these diseases which is wonderful. We can do the same for Alzheimer’s, we just need the research dollars to fund the research proposals.”

O’Neale added that there is reason for hope. “In addition to the disease modifying drugs, cognitive decline can be reduced by 40 percent by making lifestyle choices that can keep your brain and body healthy as you age. These include exercise, staying social, learning something new, eating healthy, quitting smoking, protecting your head, getting a good night’s sleep and oral hygiene.”

The Alzheimer’s Association just launched the Brain Health Habit Builder, a free web-based tool designed to empower individuals to assess their current habits and take proactive steps to improve their brain health. It’s available at alz.org by typing in The Brain Health Habit Builder in the search bar.

Families that are battling this



WALKING Fieldbrook Friends Forever team members.

ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION PHOTOS

Bandemonium, and violin player Ocean Brinckhaus-Goodridge.

According to the Alzheimer’s Association, more than 3,500 people in Humboldt and Del Norte counties suffer from the fatal disease, a number projected to rise to more than 5,000 in the next decade. More than 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease, the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S.

Additionally, more than 12 million family and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias in the U.S. The lifetime risk for Alzheimer’s starting at age 45 in 1 in 5 for women, and 1 in 10 for men.

According to McKenna, “Raising funds will help us identify, slow down, and ultimately prevent this devastating disease. If you look at the millions of research dollars that have been spent on cancer, heart disease, HIV, stroke, you will see

disease can know that they are not alone, that there is local and nationwide support.

• Alzheimer’s Association free 24/7 Helpline, 1-800-272-3900

• Alzheimer’s Association web site, alz.org

• Alzheimer’s Association respite grants, 1-800-272-3900.

• Humboldt Senior Resource Center: Adult Day Health and Alzheimer’s Services programs, (707) 443-9747

• Visiting Angels, (707) 442-8001

• Redwood Caregiver Resource Center, 1-800-834-1636

• Area 1 Agency on Aging, (707) 442-3763

• Adult Day Health Care of Mad River, (707) 822-4866

• North Coast Neuropsychology, (707) 595-7997

For more information, contact the local Alzheimer’s Association office at (707) 832-4577 or email kcoelho@alz.org.



CELEBRATION The Visiting Angels team at the Celebration Party.

ing is to help put an end to this disease. “Alzheimer’s is a disease that people live with 24 hours a day so the fundraising needs to happen 24 hours a day.”

Rounding out the top 10 fundraising teams include: Edward Jones Humboldt County, Team Captain Laura Middlemiss, \$7,360.00; Team Smith21, Team Captain Doralee Smith, \$6,495.22; Fieldbrook Friends Forever Team Captain: Rowetta Miller, \$6,322.53; Remembering For ALZ Team Captain Joanne Conzelmann, \$4,045.00.

Participants who raised \$500 or more were recognized as Champion Club members and included: Kelly Sanders, Maile Feuerman, Dori Fulk, Amanda Moxon, Michele White, Doralee Smith, Jan West, David White, Samantha Day, Lori Kamber-Chester, Joyce Houston, Bonnie Reback, Karen Argo, Bob Lake, Ellen Durfee, Sara Newblom, Linda Hamm, Kim Coelho, Judith Stoffer, John Hamm, Devin Peal, Brandon Kakitsuka and Bill Chino.

The Promise Flower holders

TICKET TO RIDE performs Friday, Dec. 19 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. This seasoned six-member Beatles tribute band brings alive their love of some of the greatest pop music ever recorded. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door.

COWTOWN SOUND performs Friday, Dec. 19 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Celebrating the release of a five-song

EP of Cowtown originals, some rock, soul and ska from a new project by the same folks who spent the last few years performing around Humboldt County with the Blueberry Hill Boogie Band. Show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over.

JINGLE JAM HOLIDAY MUSIC CONCERT takes place Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. See an incredible cast of all-star Humboldt musicians in a one night-only holiday spectac-

ular. All proceeds donated to Humboldt Domestic Violence Services and North Coast Children's Services. Featured singers include Katie Belknap, Claire Bent, Matthew Cox, Jacqueline Dandaneau, Ruby Ruth George, Brianna Penner, Elle Penner and James Zeller. Performing with them is the fantastic rhythm section of Danny Gaon, Ramsey Isaacs and Matthew Seno with more surprise special guest musicians. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$20-\$30 in ad-

vance and at the door.

POLIMANA performs Saturday, Dec. 20 at Outer Space Arcata, 837 H St., Arcata. Cryptic prog-folk from local singer-songwriter in their final show before heading south. Also on the bill are local musicians Mold (songs of wandering around), Fig (feeling is good), Sylvie (little song seeds) and a new instrumental project from Marina. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$5-20 on a sliding scale.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00642
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
DANDAR'S BOARD GAMES AND BOOKS 959 H STREET ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
DANIEL A. GILKEY JR. 959 H STREET ARCATA, CA 95521
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
NOR-CAL AUTOMOTIVE 2125 4TH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
BRAD'S NOR-CAL AUTOMOTIVE, INC. CA B20250408581 2125 4TH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, **BRAD CURTICE**, CEO

FORD LOGGING, INC. CA C1940152 1225 CENTRAL AVE. #11 MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, **BRANDIE FORD**, PRESIDENT
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIBAL TRAIL ALLIANCE 1561 CITY CENTER RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
P.O. BOX 2174 MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIBAL TRAIL ALLIANCE CA 6557328 2503 MCKINLEYVILLE AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PLANT SEEDS OF LOVE 1034 HARRIS ST. EUREKA, CA 95503
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
NATALIE D. TREACY 1034 HARRIS ST. EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, **NATALIE TREACY**, SOLE PROPRIETOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 18, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00606
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
HYDAPIS-APIARY LLC 3020 FISHER RD #26 HYDESVILLE, CA 95547
P.O. BOX 26 HYDESVILLE, CA 95547
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HYDAPIS-APIARY LLC CA B20250377151 3020 FISHER RD #26 HYDESVILLE, CA 95547
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, **BRUNO MUZZI**, MANAGER/OPERATOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 17, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00628
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PACIFIC EARTHSCAPE 1225 CENTRAL AVE. #11 MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

STATEMENT 25-00598
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
REDWOOD COAST EXPERIENCES LLC 153 EAST 12TH STREET ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
REDWOOD COAST EXPERIENCES LLC CA B20250246949 153 EAST 12TH STREET ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, **PEARSE NARUM**, CEO
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 12, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES SC/DEPUTY CLERK 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME MOLLY ISAACSON SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2502434
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **MOLLY GRACE ISAACSON**
A. To Proposed name: **MOLLY GRACE KELLY**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: jan. 16, 2026
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: Nov. 18, 2025
TIMOTHY CANNING
Judge of the Superior Court
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SARA ANN SIMONSON
CASE NO.: PR2500304
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
SARA ANN SIMONSON
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **MATTHEW C. MARKS** in the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt.
The Petition for Probate requests that: **MATTHEW C. MARKS** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: January 8, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.
If you object to the

granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
GINO DE SOLENNI
384 G STREET CRESCENT CITY, CA 95531
(707) 464-6181
12/17, 12/24, 12/31

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY WEEKS
CASE NO.: PB257081
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
MARY WEEKS
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **DORY SUSA** in the Superior Court of California, County of DEL NORTE.
The Petition for Probate requests that: **DORY SUSA** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the petition.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: JANUARY 9, 2026
Time: 10 a.m.
Dept.: 2
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of DEL NORTE, 450 H Street, Room 209, Crescent City, CA 95531.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DALE MICHAEL CONDON
CASE NO.: PB257085
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
DALE MICHAEL CONDON
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **BEVERLY BRAND** in the Superior Court of California, County of DEL NORTE.
The Petition for Probate requests that: **BEVERLY BRAND** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the petition.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: JANUARY 9, 2026
Time: 10 a.m.
Dept.: 2
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of DEL NORTE, 450 H Street, Room 209, Crescent City, CA 95531.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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CAPTAINS AND SOLDIERS Back row: Isabella Acorn, Emilia Prim and Sophia Acorn. Middle row: Echolette Badeaux, Harper Pearce, Hazel Meredith and Norah Merideth-Sutke. Front row: Sophia Alvarez Solis and Elizabeth Renz. PHOTOS BY TINA’S PHOTOGRAPHY



SNOW KINGDOM Standing: Jessamy Moore, Isabella Acorn, Mariana Hill as Snow Queen, Chris Brant as Snow King, Sophia Acorn and Katie Kitchen. Kneeling: Emilia Prim, Sophia Neyra, Carrie Badeaux, Lily Cunningham and Isadora Guimaraes.



MOTHER GINGER AND HER BON BONS David Kitchen as Mother Ginger. Back row: Arrowyn Brown, Ophelia Lara and Addelina Gueorguiev. Front row: Zoey Ray, Afia Levy and Zizi Journeay.

The Nutcracker: Confectionery delights of the ballet classic

SUNDANCE BALLET COMPANY
ARCATA — The Sundance Ballet Company proudly presents its 13th annual holiday classic *The Nutcracker*, which will feature guest artists Magdalena Horowitz and Gary Williams from the Bay Area as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier along with students and company members from the Dance Scene Studio.

The Sundance Ballet Company will continue the holiday tradition as it brings three performances of the much-loved ballet classic to Cal Poly Humboldt’s Van Duzer Theater this

weekend.

The timeless music of Tchaikovsky weaves the story of Clara and her Nutcracker and features iconic dances like the Sugar Plum Fairy solo and the epic battle between the Nutcracker and Rat King. A cast of 75 dancers, including 16 pre-professional Sundance Ballet Company members will perform the two-hour, traditional version of the ballet.

Select students of the Dance Scene Studio will join the company members to present three performances of the Nutcracker at the Van Duzer Theater: Saturday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. and at 7

p.m., then a matinee show on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m..

Bentley Stephens will dance the coveted role of Clara. Bentley has danced at the studio for many years and is excited to perform as Clara this year. Carrie Badeaux will once again direct the Nutcracker, bringing her excitement throughout the balletic whimsical journey. Mariana Hill and Chris Brant will perform as the Snow Queen and Snow King in the magical Snow Kingdom.

New additions this year are the opening Holly Girls who welcome the audience into the holiday spirit and bring

their pointe talents to the stage and the Chinese Tea dance that will feature a traditional Chinese dragon that dances with ballerina Carrie Badeaux. A surprise Soldier Doll delights the party crowd with an unexpected appearance as well.

Advance tickets for the performance are \$15 for children ages 12 and under or \$20 for adults. At the door ticket prices are \$20 for children and \$25 for adults. Tickets may be purchased online at [DanceEureka.com](#), at Wildberries Marketplace in Arcata, or at The Dance Scene Studio in Eureka.

Chanukah Celebration Saturday

CHANUKAH ANEW
ARCATA — What is Chanukah all about? For more than 30 years, local Rabbi Naomi Steinberg has answered this question with beautiful original music celebrating the magical winter season and elevating our dreams of peace.

Last year the rabbi launched Chanukah Anew: An Arts & Education Project to bring meaningful, inspiring songs to public schools across the country. A 2024 release titled *As We Dream of Peace* is available on Spotify and a new release, *Not By Might*, was released on Dec. 13.

Chanukah Anew is a family project for Rabbi Steinberg, her singer-songwriter son Berel Alexander, and her producer-engineer son-in-law Jason Goldstein. The albums were recorded at

CHANUKAH ANEW CELEBRATION
❖ **Saturday, Dec. 20:**
5 p.m. – Doors Open
5:30 p.m. Candle lighting and music followed by folk and ritual dancing
❖ **Redwood Rakes, 824 L St. in Arcata**

our music. It’s a labor of love. We love the dreamy, dark time of the Chanukah festival and we love making music together. Winter concerts are opportunities for U.S. school children to have positive exposure to Jewish traditions. Singing enjoyable Chanukah songs can help prevent anti-Jewish prejudices from taking root in young minds.”

The new album features all local musicians including cellist Jesse Alm, Grammy-nominated producer Leib Ostrow on mandola, and Grammy-winning producer Jimmy Durschlag on trombone, with singers ages 7 to 73.

To celebrate the festival and the new album, Rabbi Steinberg and family are producing an all-ages “Chanukah Anew Celebration!” on Saturday, Dec. 20 at Redwood Raks, 824 L St. in Arcata. Festivities include a performance by the Redwood Community Peace Choir with sing-alongs and Dances of Universal Peace led by Robin Wolff.

The event is a fundraiser for Food for People. Attendees are invited to bring an item to donate to the raffle benefiting The Orchard of Abraham’s Children, a network of peace-focused schools for Palestinian and Israeli children.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with candle-lighting and music at 5:30 p.m. followed by folk and ritual dancing. Suggested donation is \$10 per individual



ALBUM ART for Not By Might – Chanukah Anew by Gabrielle Ward. Submitted photo

and \$25 per family. The celebration is sponsored by Audible Arts Alliance, a DreamMaker Project of The Ink People with generous support from Los Bagels.

Rabbi Steinberg has served Jewish congregations in both Southern and Northern Humboldt for more than 30 years, and has taught in Religious Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt. She has been honored as a Culture Bearer by the Alliance for California Traditional Arts.

The ongoing Chanukah Anew project is supported by Temple Beth El of Eureka through the Givebutter crowd-funding platform.

Tax deductible donations are welcomed to cover costs of music production and outreach to schools.



SOLOIST Clara Ross records at Big Bang Studio. PHOTO BY NAOMI STEINBERG

the legendary Big Bang Studio in Loleta managed by Goldstein.

“It’s like a homecoming,” Rabbi Steinberg explains. “Back in 1998 we recorded *A Child’s Hanukkah* with The Jewish Wedding Band at Big Bang on the Music for Little People label, and it’s still available for purchase and streaming! Families of fans have grown up on

WINE AND JAZZ Things are sure to get festive as the wine and tunes begin to flow during Wine and Jazz on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. in Eureka. This month the museum is featuring music by Nice’n Easy, which has been performing in Humboldt County for 26 years. This long-standing Humboldt County-based jazz ensemble is known for playing jazz standards in the style of Frank Sinatra

and Tony Bennett, as well as some original music, plus holiday tunes.

GOOD! performs Thursday, Dec. 18 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Good! crafts mellow music that grooves, blending folk-rock, jazz, blues and soul into soundscapes that feel both intimate and expansive. Show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, [loggerbar.com/events](#)



GROUP EXHIBIT From creatively bringing new life to salvaged wood, to sculptures made with hot cast glass, and vibrant paintings on wood, the Annual Group Exhibit displays the depth and variety of its 22 local member artists at Arcata Artisans Gallery. Top left is Kingfisher by Lynn Carlin. Bottom left is Leaf Cutter Bee Dreaming by Patricia Sennoft. All are welcome to visit this cooperative gallery during December and January where one can find fused glass sushi sets, handmade rings, pendants and earrings, stained glass ornaments, unique ceramic bowls and mugs, dramatic local vistas in photos, and much more. The gallery offers you a choice of handmade bookmark with purchase and as always, free gift wrapping. Arcata Artisans Gallery is at 883 H Street on the Plaza, open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. (707) 825-9133, [arcataartisans.com](#)

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Script deadline extended for BOLDtFest

ACCESS HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT — Access Humboldt has announced that it is extending the submission deadline for its annual BOLDtFEST Script-to-Screen Short Film Incubator. Filmmakers, writers, and creators now have until Jan. 5, 2026 to submit their short film scripts for consideration.

BOLDtFEST is a year-round filmmaking incubator designed to empower Humboldt County residents to bring original stories from script to screen. Selected projects receive access to workshops, mentorship, production support, equipment, and crew collaboration opportunities — culminating in a red-carpet premiere at the historic Eureka Theater.

“Interest in BOLDtFEST continues

to grow,” said Christina Marie Jeffers of Access Humboldt. “By extending the deadline, we’re opening the door for more local storytellers to participate, refine their scripts, and take advantage of the unique resources this program provides.”

For more details eligibility, formats and a submission link, visit [accesshumboldt.net/support/boldtfest](#)

Selected scripts will be developed through Access Humboldt’s guided script-to-screen process, including dedicated workshops in screenwriting, pre-production, directing, lighting, editing, and more. Participants will collaborate with local filmmakers, actors, and crew while gaining hands-on experience in each phase of production.

RLAD performs Thursday, Dec. 18 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. RLAD is a popular local jazz/fusion group that includes Tim Randles on keyboard, Ken Lawrence on bass, Doug Marcum on guitar and Mike LaBolle on drums. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, [basementarcata.com](#)

Friday, Dec. 19 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Broken Compass Bluegrass emerged in 2021 and has quickly gained recognition for their tight arrangements, tasteful picking and stand-out songwriting. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, [humbrews.com](#)

to his soulful, swinging deep cuts. Blending classic jazz warmth with a fresh, modern touch, this performance captures the glow of the season and the spirit of Guaraldi’s sound. Featuring special guest Miles Schmidt on tap, adding rhythm, movement, and a touch of holiday sparkle. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$15-\$30 on a sliding scale in advance and at the door.

BROKEN COMPASS BLUEGRASS performs

AFTER HOURS: MUSIC OF VINCE GUARALDI takes place Friday, Dec. 19 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. Led by drummer Ramsey Isaacs, with Matthew Seno on piano and Lee Phillips on bass, the trio After Hours brings new life to the timeless music of Vince Guaraldi — from the nostalgic Charlie Brown themes

BARKING DOGMA performs Friday, Dec. 19 at the Wild Hare Tavern at 915 H St. in Arcata. Local legends Barking Dogma, playing eclectic, complex, intense, brilliant and fun songs with great arrangements with notably quirky lyrics. Doors open at 7 p.m, show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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